



# COMPLIANCE ADVISORY

April 16, 2009

## ATTENTION SURFACE PREPARATION AND CLEANUP OPERATIONS:

**BACKGROUND:** On May 14, 2008, the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (District) revised Rule 2.25 Metal Parts and Products Coating Operations, Rule 2.26 Motor Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Coating Operations, Rule 2.29 Graphic Arts Printing Operations, Rule 2.30 Polyester Resin Operations, Rule 2.31 Surface Preparation and Cleanup, Rule 2.33 Adhesive Operations, Rule 2.35 Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Operations, and Rule 2.39 Wood Products Coating Operations. The District revised the solvent-cleaning requirements for surface preparation and cleanup of the aforementioned rules and moved the requirements into Rule 2.31, Surface Preparation and Cleanup. In addition, the District rescinded Rule 2.24 Solvent Cleaning Operations (Degreasing). Any facility with surface preparation and cleanup or degreasing operations will now be subject to the requirements outlined in Rule 2.31.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Effective July 1, 2009, lower volatile organic compound (VOC) limits will go into effect for many operations. The VOC content for general surface preparation and cleanup operations including product cleaning, repair and maintenance cleaning and the cleaning of application equipment will be lowered to **50 grams of VOC per liter**. The lower limits apply to many operations that do not require a Permit to Operate.

Higher VOC limits have been established for specific operations. Examples include the cleaning of electrical/electronic components, cleaning associated with medical devices and pharmaceuticals operations, and the cleaning of application equipment used for printing.

There are several exemptions to the requirements including janitorial cleaning, dry cleaning operations, and the stripping of cured coatings.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The District will administratively update the VOC limits and applicable conditions on existing Permits to Operate upon renewal. Revised rule requirements will be in effect regardless if the permit has been updated. For complete information on all the changing requirements, record keeping provisions and exemptions, the revised rules are available on the District website at <http://www.ysaqmd.org> or contact Nancy Fletcher at (530) 757-3656 or toll-free in the (530), (916), and (707) area codes at (800) 287-3650.